Dean's Report

- Strong upward trajectory for CST with a focus on hiring excellence
- College has reached 135 tenure-track faculty
- No current plans to go beyond this number, only to replace faculty who leave or retire
- College's focus on research excellence is paying off; Google Scholar ranking is one example
- Another example is the Army Research Lab (ARL) grant for materials and brain injury research
- ARL was impressed by SERC and the beginnings of a materials characterization facility in basement
- At 18 years old, CST is matching our strengths in education and research with strength in graduate recruiting (mentions recent CST group trip to India and work of Eric Borguet)
- RCM update: Provost Epps is postponing RCM review, but university will continue to operate under
- Biggest challenges for CST under RCM are new hiring and expenses (as compensation grows, revenue does not come in until end of the year so we spend money we don't yet have)
- Compensation is an expense that must be covered by revenue
- CST is also responsible for employee benefits
- Increase in credit hours led to only a modest revenue increase
- The number of Gen Ed science courses may be cut in half, leading to less revenue
- (Robert Levis: that is a $3 million problem)
- Instructional budget must be kept under control
- PSM and Pre-Health programs are generating $2 million in revenue
• The college brought in $6-$7 million from ICR but 36% goes to the CST
• A PI who want expensive instrumentation will have to get money from the department or the center
• We are going to have to share costs: PI, department, CST, TU
• Temple Trustees have passed differential tuition: $400 per year for five years
• Will generate $6 million per year, with half going toward the new building
• According to President Englert, the new building will cost $120 million, split evenly between CST, TU and Institutional Advancement (fundraising)
• This continues to be the building plan, until we are told otherwise
• The college has had a steady increase in budget revenue but the tax from the university has increased (54% tax)
• The college’s challenge is $42 million
• There will be few hires this year
• We must keep up credit hours taught, but number of Gen Ed courses is issue
• The bright spot is PSM and Pre-Health programs and the growth of differential tuition

Senior Associate Dean Robert Levis
• Gen Ed is 8% of the college budget
• College will lose $3-$4 million due to Gen Ed changes
• There is a university committee to determine what is a science course; trend is they are voting down science courses
Comment from Professor Jonathan Nyquist:
  • It will take 13 years until we have the college’s $40 million for the new building

Dean Klein’s response:
  • Once we have some money, I will start a campaign and the university will borrow
  • The timeframe for the building is 5-7 years

Question from Jonathan Nyquist:
  • What about facility renovations?

Dean Klein’s response:
  • Renovations are always a consideration, but not on the radar
  • RCM means renovation money might not exist

Provost JoAnne Epps
  • Temple University is fiscally sound
  • Scholarships will be put back in line with budget
  • Scholarship dollars will decline this year, but we will not lose sight of the university’s mission
  • Temple takes students who are not yet fully developed
  • Scholarships are split: 80% are need; 20% are merit
  • A review of RCM will take place in spring 2017; the university is at least a year out from making changes.
  • I want to hear about RCM problems

Dean Klein
  • There is a Gen Ed problem; other colleges proposing to teach science courses
  • Science course are being taken away from us
  • It is a zero-sum game: no new revenue is generated, but rather shuffled among colleges
Provost Epps
- Review of Gen Ed is continuing
- RCM may not drive good decisions; What do we want freshman to do?

Associate Dean Susan Varnum comment:
- There must be another way to determine Gen Ed courses
- CST faculty can teach other stuff

Professor Sudhir Kumar question:
- Temple benefits from great CST faculty hires. What is the vision for science here at Temple?

Provost Epps’s response:
- University must find balance in investing in all colleges
- When rankings go up, it is good for all of us
- But 1-2 colleges can’t get all the investment
- Our institutional priorities should, however, be transparent

Professor Nyquist comment:
- RCM really impacts Ambler due to small classes
- RCM makes it harder to control costs and to be entrepreneurial

Senior Associate Dean Levis
- If you asked faculty, not one would have financial concern about Gen Ed
- Faculty believe they know what makes a science course based on what is best for students
- There is only one scientist on the Gen Ed committee

Provost Epps
- There is a process beyond those six committee members
**Department chairs**

- New faculty introductions

**Assistant Dean Michael Lawlor**

- Three program changes up for vote; all approved by committee
- B.A. in Computer Science Program Change
  - Approved, no votes opposed
- B.A. in Information Science & Technology Program Change
  - Approved; no votes opposed
- B.S. in Information Science & Technology Program Change
  - Approved; no votes opposed

**Assistant Dean Evelyn Vleck**

- Summer and fall scheduling has begun
- The goal is to get courses on the books as quickly as possible
- CST and CLA advisors are moving to Paley on Nov. 2; will open on Nov. 28
- Developing roadmaps that help with Fly in 4 (hand in hand with DARS)
- Will help assess needs for future courses and standardization of GPA calculation in major

**Associate Dean Varnum**

- Moving forward with a PSM in Science Writing
- Two offered in the Philadelphia region; costly and do not offer training
- Our PSM is focused on writing for a broader audience
- Aiming to get before Trustees in March; open for students in fall 2017
- 3 new courses for the PSM, most managed in house
- Approved
Dean Klein
- PSM in Science Writing came up at the CST Board of Visitors meeting
- Board member Ira Lawrence was very enthusiastic

Senior Associate Dean Levis
- There are 27 students in the Pre-Health Post Baccalaureate programs
- Generates $1 million for the college
- The target is 40 in each of the two tracks
- There are 78 PSM students
- The target is 100 next year

Associate Professor Karen Palter question:
- Can we facilitate more joint courses?

Senior Associate Dean Levis’s response:
- We are doing them all the time
- Make a proposal

Meeting adjourned: 11:22am